

Rec'd Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>

Phil<sup>a</sup> Feb 19, 1878.

Dr. Geo. Engelmann

My dear Sir

Thanks for your kind note of 18<sup>th</sup> inst - & for the printed papers on Oaks, Abies, Junipers &c., which I had been greatly desirous to see. They give evidence of close and patient study, and I am sure they will prove of the greatest use in elucidating the species of those perplexing groups.

I continue to give to botanical pursuits - the little leisure I can command, and with constantly increasing interest. But I lack the training for independent investigation, and the only way I can be of use, is in helping others. and for a year or two past a large part of my leisure has been employed in getting the collections of the Academy into better order. There is plenty of room



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for long years of work, and if I cannot  
accomplish much of positive good,  
I may at least prevent damage and  
harm.

Mrs. Canby recently arranged for my  
wife & myself a very pleasant inter-  
view with Dr. Gray - who stopped at  
Canby's house - a few hours on his  
return from Washington. It was of course  
delightful, and we only needed your  
presence - & that of Mr. Engelmann  
& Mrs. Grey, to make perfect a reunion  
of the Pleasant party of 1870. I  
assure that the memory of that pleasant  
journey will abide with me during  
the rest of life.

I hope that Mrs. Engelmann is  
quite well. Mrs. Redfield joins me  
in sending our kind regards.

Yours very truly  
John R. Redfield

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Dec Nov 28

Phil'a Nov 26, 1879

My dear Dr. Engelmann

Through Mr. Martindale I recently received a package containing specimens of oaks - species not attainable here - and some very interesting hybrids which I am very glad to have represented in my little collection. Thanks for your kindness!

I hope you are quite well - and that you may yet be able to add many years of good work - to what you have already accomplished for botanical science.

Yours sincerely

John B. Peckfield



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Rec March 5  
on May 22

Phil'a March 2 1880

My dear Dr. Engelmann

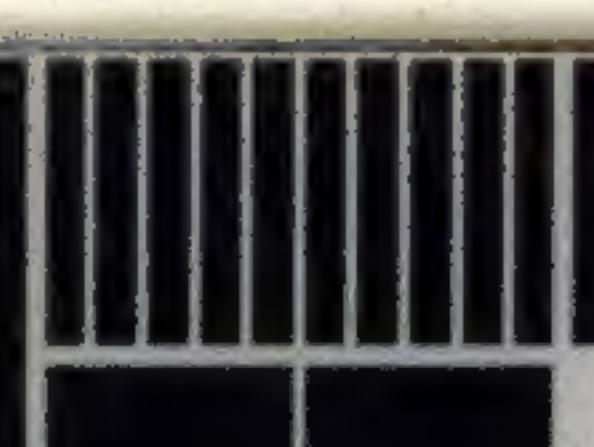
Your postal to Mr. Parker of Feb 26 - was duly received by him, and he has with me been looking at the Isotetes of our collection - which are few in number.

I do not know that we can do any thing to aid in solving your difficulty - except to send for your inspection - our remaining specimens of to which your notes seem to refer - since possibly there may have been some "mixing" - in the ~~other~~ case.

The <sup>two</sup> larger of these now sent, ~~are~~  
~~from~~ from the Schweinitzian Herbarium - and  
~~are~~ ticketed in Schweinitz own hand -

I. lacustris "Bethlehem, Lehigh"

The other <sup>marked No. 2</sup> is from the Academy's N. American Herbarium made up ~~from~~ originally by Mr. Durand - from the Academy's material



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, and from contributions made by Mr. Daran.  
You will find with it some tickets —  
which relate to it — & also the  
locality "Catskill mt".

Now I doubt whether this last was  
ever in the Schweinitzian Herbarium  
at all — and so I cannot think  
it came from the same locality as  
the former. As Schweinitz lived  
for many years at Bethlehem Pa —  
— he would probably be correct as to  
that locality. At what time it  
was collected we have no clue. He  
died in 1834. I have not at hand  
the date of his residence in Bethlehem,  
but Dr. Gray could probably fix the  
date.

Please return to us these specimens  
when you have done with them.

Hoping this will find you in good  
health I remain

Yours sincerely,  
John K. Redfield



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Recd April 15

Phil<sup>a</sup> April 13. 1880

My dear Dr. Engelmann

The four copies of the Pines — arrived at the Academy yesterday — and have been distributed according to your wish.

For the Academy's copy — you will doubtless receive formal acknowledgment in due time.

For my own copy let me thank you now, and tell you how much I am delighted with it. In perfecting your revision — you appear to have made an exhaustive study of all available characters and the labor involved in such a study must have been enormous, as yet — I have had time for but a superficial examination, but I hope hereafter to study it with profit. The illustrations of *Pinus Elliottii* are superb.



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I have a strong desire again to  
spend a week on Roan Mt. in Rhodo-  
nium time - but don't know whether  
I can "get away". Don't you want  
such a spree?

Yours very truly  
John K. Beale

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Rec May 27

Phil<sup>a</sup> May 24 1880

My dear Dr. Engelmann

Yours of the 21<sup>st</sup> with the little  
package of Isoetes for our Academy - reached  
me safely this afternoon.

Well! - various considerations &  
hindrances - have led me also to give up  
Roan Mt. for this year at least.

If I were a little more free, and  
were as young and active as you - I  
should be very strongly drawn to Mts.  
Shasta & Roan. But I don't think  
I shall ever stand on them - till I  
have been "made over"!

Carby & I go to Boston to-morrow -  
to attend a re-union of the Roan Mt.  
party of last year. If only the other mem-  
ber of the 1876 Exped. - could be with us,  
- the affair would be complete & jolly,  
Meehan & Cartwright also go with  
us - we four being delegates from our Acad.,  
to the Centennial of the Am Acad. Arts &



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Sciences, on 26<sup>th</sup>

My wife & daughter go too - We shall  
of course have pleasant talks with  
Gray & Sargent.

Yours truly  
John R. Reedfield

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